

## HOUSE RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_

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A HOUSE RESOLUTION recognizing the accomplishments of the Parents, Educators, and Professional Businesses (PEP) program.

*Whereas, The Parents, Educators, and Professional Businesses (PEP) program was established in 1996 to help schools afford programs and equipment they could not otherwise afford;*

*Whereas, The PEP organization provides a means of generating funds for schools and students and goodwill recognition for businesses and retail establishments by returning to the community money to support education;*

*Whereas, Students benefit from PEP through funds deposited into a family escrow account to be used for tuition to colleges and technical schools;*

*Whereas, Most of the work of the PEP organization is*



*carried out by parents and volunteers from business and education who want to provide a better education for young Hoosiers and children throughout the United States;*

*Whereas, PEP was designed to benefit both students and schools;*

*Whereas, Funds are accrued based on purchases made and vouchers collected by members and their families and friends who wish to participate;*

*Whereas, Schools benefit from PEP because a certain percentage of every dollar earned by a voucher is contributed to a participating school in a PEP chapter. These funds can be used for approved academic programs, including library books, scholarships, tutoring, incentive programs, educational trips, supplies, and other related school expenditures that benefit students;*

*Whereas, PEP also provides members with another way to earn credits toward their individual accounts through the tutoring program;*

*Whereas, The tutoring program was developed to help students improve their grade point averages (GPA) with help from other students, parents, and teachers;*

*Whereas, To become a tutor, a student must be in grades 5 through 12 and have a GPA of 3.0, and successful candidates may tutor students in grades 2 through 12;*

*Whereas, Students and parents may apply to the PEP educational advisory council for a tutoring position;*

*Whereas, The tutors are rewarded with individual scholarship funds for college or trade school of \$50 for each tenth of a point improvement in the GPA of each student they tutor for the year; and*

*Whereas, Efforts such as PEP are a unique and inventive*



*way to improve the education of our young Hoosiers and children throughout the United States, and special recognition is called for in order to bring these worthwhile efforts to the forefront so that more children and schools may benefit: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the  
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives wishes to thank the members of the PEP organization for all their efforts on behalf of the school children of the State of Indiana and to encourage them to continue these efforts.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the members of the PEP organization.

